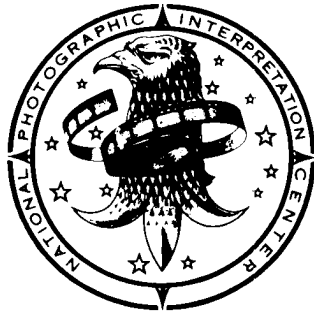


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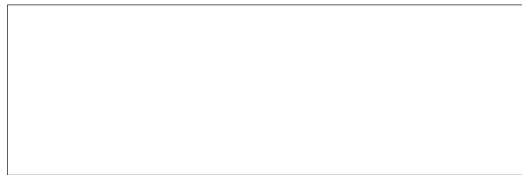
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CONFIRMED SOVIET DEPLOYMENT OF A NEW SELF-PROPELLED GUN ALONG THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER (TSR)

(TSR) [] a new, heavy self-propelled (SP) gun was observed with the heavy artillery brigade at Novosysoyevka IRBM Launch Site 2 [] Figure 1), USSR. This is the first confirmed deployment of this gun along the Sino-Soviet border. Three probable new heavy SP guns, under camouflage netting, were observed at Novosysoyevka [] This type of gun was first identified in April 1976 at the Leningrad Tank Testing Area []

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(TSR) This is also the first confirmed deployment of this type of SP gun at a facility containing the 240mm SP heavy mortar. This mortar was first seen at Novosysoyevka []

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(TSR) The new heavy SP gun, which was partially canvas covered, was parked in the heavy artillery regiment storage area at Novosysoyevka. The partly obscured vehicle chassis [] The unobscured chassis of the gun seen at the Leningrad Tank Testing Area [] The gun tube [] and extended [] beyond the front of the chassis (Figure 2).

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(TSR) The SP gun was collocated with one ACRV-M-1974 armored vehicle and twelve 203mm howitzer M-1931M (not shown on the graphic). The new gun is expected to replace the M-1931M. The new Soviet heavy SP gun resembles the US M-107 SP 175mm gun (Figure 3). Both vehicles have long gun tubes mounted on the rear of the chassis with no superstructures or turret.

(TSR) Novosysoyevka is 60 nautical miles southeast of the Sino-Soviet border in the Far East Military District.

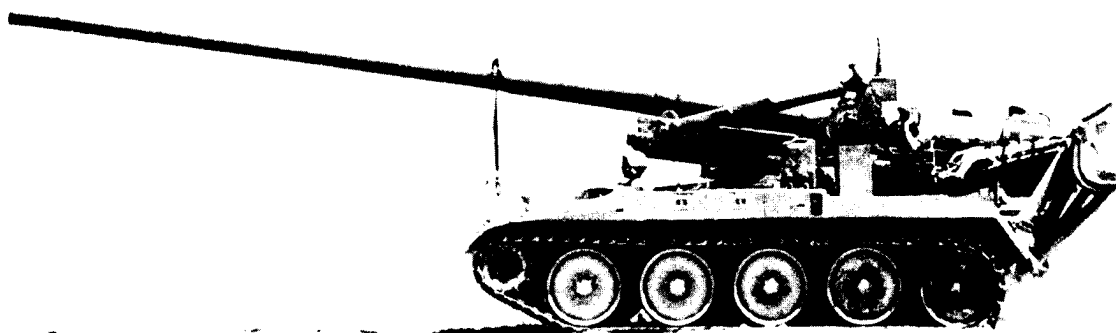
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FIGURE 3. US M-107 175MM SP GUN (CIA. Accession No 1323268, Apr 72/CONFIDENTIAL)

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